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IN RE APPLICATION OF

LARREN F. JONES ET AL.

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FOR: WEAR ASSEMBLY FOR A DIGGING

EDGE OF AN EXCAVATOR

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 74, 75, 77, 78, 80, 81, 88, 91, 92, 94, 100, 103, and 114-116 to have the following form.

74. (Amended) A wear assembly for an excavator having a lip with a digging edge, the wear assembly comprising:

a boss adapted to be fixed to an excavator lip, the boss including a front structure with an inner surface that is bent and fixed along a face of the lip and the front of the digging edge, a rear structure having a first shoulder that extends generally away from the digging edge, and a bearing surface;

